

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGE BUCK,

Defendant.

**8:22-CR-47****ORDER**

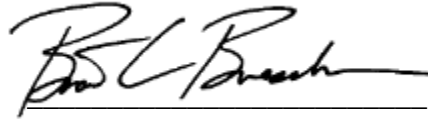
This matter is before the Court on the defendant's Motion for Compassionate Release. [Filing 369](#). Because the defendant has not exhausted his administrative remedies pursuant to [18 U.S.C § 3582\(c\)\(1\)\(A\)](#), the Court must deny the Motion without prejudice.

[18 U.S.C § 3582\(c\)\(1\)\(A\)](#) provides in relevant part, "The court may not modify a term of imprisonment once it has been imposed except . . . upon motion of the defendant after the defendant has fully exhausted all administrative rights to appeal a failure of the Bureau of Prisons to bring a motion on the defendant's behalf or the lapse of 30 days from the receipt of such a request by the warden of the defendant's facility." "This requirement is a mandatory claim-processing rule." [United States v. Houck](#), 2 F.4th 1082, 1084 (8th Cir. 2021). Courts in this circuit have consistently held that defendants "bear[ ] the burden of showing that he exhausted his administrative remedies with the BOP before filing a compassionate-release motion." [United States v. Clark](#), No. 11-3034, 2020 WL 4507325, at \*3 (N.D. Iowa Aug. 5, 2020) (quoting [United States v. Kinley](#), No. 16-10018, 2020 WL 2744110, at \*2 (W.D. Ark. Apr. 17, 2020)). The defendant has not stated nor provided any evidence that he has exhausted his administrative remedies. See [Filing 369](#). The Court must "dismiss unexhausted compassionate-release motions without prejudice." [Houck](#), 2 F.4th at 1084. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the defendant's Motion for Compassionate Release, [Filing 369](#), is denied without prejudice.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. C. Buescher", written over a horizontal line.

Brian C. Buescher  
United States District Judge